

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

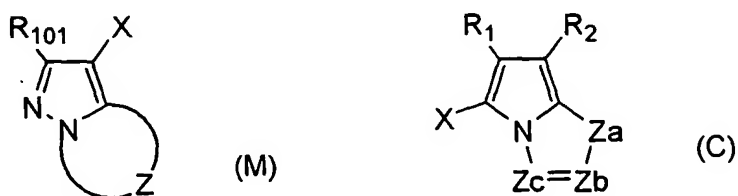
1. (currently amended): A silver halide color photosensitive material comprising at least one light-sensitive silver halide emulsion layer and at least one nonlight-sensitive layer, wherein at least one of the nonlight-sensitive layers ~~containing~~ contains colloidal silver; the colloidal silver-containing nonlight-sensitive layer or a nonlight-sensitive layer adjacent to the colloidal silver-containing nonlight-sensitive layer ~~containing~~ contains a compound capable of releasing a development inhibitor or a precursor thereof by a coupling reaction with an oxidized developing agent; and at least one layer selected from the group consisting of the light-sensitive silver halide emulsion layer and the nonlight-sensitive layer ~~containing~~ contains a compound (B) defined below:

compound (B): a compound having at least three hetero atoms and capable of enhancing the photographic speed of the photosensitive material in comparison to the same photosensitive materials without the compound.

2. (original): The silver halide color photosensitive material according to claim 1, wherein the compound capable of releasing a development inhibitor or a precursor thereof is a compound which generates substantially no color after the release of the development inhibitor or the precursor thereof.

3. (original): The silver halide color photosensitive material according to claim 1, wherein the compound (B) is a 1,3,4,6-tetraazaindene-based compound.

4. (original): The silver halide color photosensitive material according to claim 1, wherein the compound (B) is represented by the following general formula (M) or (C):



wherein

in the general formula (M), R₁₀₁ represents a hydrogen atom or substituent; Z represents a group of non-metallic atoms required to form a 5-membered azole ring containing 2 to 4 nitrogen atoms, wherein the azole ring may have a substituent or may have a condensed ring attached thereto; and X represents a hydrogen atom or substituent; and

in the general formula (C), Z_a represents –NH– or –CH(R₃)–; Z_b and Z_c independently represent –C(R₄)= or –N=; each of R₁, R₂ and R₃ independently represents an electron-withdrawing group having a Hammett's substituent constant σ_p of not less than 0.2 and not more than 1.0; R₄ represents a hydrogen atom or substituent, provided that when there are two or more R₄s, they may be the same or different; and X represents a hydrogen atom or substituent.

5. (new): The silver halide color photosensitive material according to claim 1, wherein the at least one of the colloidal silver-containing nonlight-sensitive layers is selected from the group consisting of a protective layer, an inter layer and an antihalation layer.

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6 (new): The silver halide color photosensitive material according to claim 1, wherein the colloidal silver-containing nonlight-sensitive layer contains the compound capable of releasing a development inhibitor or the precursor thereof.